if so, the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Government has not received any reports this year on the acute shortage of Kerosene Oil particularly in the rural and hilly regions inhabited by Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Criteria for Setting-up of CNG Station

†72. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PERTOLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CNG stations proposed to be set up during the current year in the metropolitan cities of the country;

(b) the number of CNG stations set up during this period in the said metropolitan cities;

(c) whether Government have laid down any conditions and specific criteria for setting up of CNG stations and opening its agencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the policy formulated by Government in this regard is being implemented in the right direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) State-wise CNG stations planned during the current financial year are given below:

City	Station planned
Delhi	80
Mumbai	35

(b)

City	Station installed
Delhi	60 till date
Mumbai	22 till date

(c) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(d) In view of (c) abqve, question does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir. The supply of CNG for vehicles has progressively increased with the expansion in the CNG outlets in these cities.

Reinstatement of suspended Engineers by EIL

73. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PERTOLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "EIL suspends 60 engineers" which appeared in the Pioneer, New Delhi on 22nd January, 2001;

(b) whether the services of engineers have been suspended ignoring the recommendation of High Powered Committee urging EIL to absorb them;

(c) if so, what has prompted EIL for taking decision contrary to the High Powered Committee;

(d) whether majority of engineers suspended belong to the State of Gujarat where earthquake has left people in the lurch; and

(e) whether EIL would reconsider their decision and re-appoint the suspended engineers forthwith and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No contract engineer has been suspended by Engineers India Limited (EIL). Services of contracts engineers, who were recruited for specified period to meet the short-term requirement, came to an end on completion of contract period/ extended period or foreclosure of contract period as per terms and conditions of their appointment.

Recommendations/observations contained in the Second Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Thirteenth Lok Sabha) (1999-2000) in so far as representation on behalf of all contracts employees of EIL is concerned, are being processed.